

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Rotation Mechanism for Construction Machine and Method  
of Measuring Backlash in the Mechanism

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. *No additional claims fees are due.*

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.